

**MINUTES
EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
22 W. 2nd St., Eagar, AZ
February 6, 2018 - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Bryce Hamblin called the Regular Council Meeting to order and welcomed those present. Mayor Hamblin requested the record show that Councilors James Nelson, Jr. is absent and all other Councilmembers are present. Mayor Hamblin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Winslow McNeill offered the invocation.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Bryce Hamblin, Mayor
 Debra Seeley
 Winslow McNeill
 Steve Erhart, Vice Mayor
 John O. Phelps
 Allen Browning

COUNCIL ABSENT: James Nelson, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Ray, Interim Town Manager/Public Works Director
 Frank Adams, Fire Chief
 Mike Sweetser, Police Chief
 Katie Brady, Finance Manager/Town Clerk
 Jeremiah Loyd, Community Development Director
 Douglas Brown, Town Attorney
 Marion Wiltbank, Deputy Town Clerk
 Pat Beard, Fire Captain

ITEM #5: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Bruce Ray, Interim Town Manager reported to Council that he attended the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust annual renewal conference and this year's increase to the insurance premiums is approximately 4.5%.

Mr. Ray also reminded the Council of our Council Planning Session scheduled for February 20, 2018, it was decided that the meeting would begin at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM #6: OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ron Shepherd with the American Legion Riders Post #30 came to discuss the Veteran's Memorial in front of the police department and the need for keeping the monuments clean. Mr. Shepherd told the council that the riders would be wiping the monuments down regularly and he hoped they could get other community organizations to participate.

Terry Shove of the Boys and Girls Club of Round Valley updated Council regarding the basketball program they currently have going on. Ms. Shove reported that they have 250 kids in the program and handed out game schedules. Ms. Shove also announce the RVBGC is working with Merilee McBride providing tumbling to the children. Ms. Shove thanked the Town for all they do and especially a place for these kids to go.

ITEM #7: PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF THE SAFEGUARD AND SERVE WITH HONOR AND VALOR AWARDS

Police Chief Mike Sweetser presented the Safeguard and Serve with Honor and Valor Award to William T. Wiltbank for going the extra step as a neighbor and providing a hose to help put a fire out that could have engulfed an entire house.

B. PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 FOURTH QUARTER ACTIVITY REPORTS

Police Chief Mike Sweetser summarized the department's 2017 fourth quarter activity in a report to council. Chief Sweetser made mention of the incident at the elementary school and the concerns regarding criminal activity that appeared to be a group of juveniles trying to establish themselves as a gang. After a couple arrests and assistance from probation this activity reduced.

ITEM #8: CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EAGAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING(S) HELD JANUARY 2018

B. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2017 NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA TRANSMITTALS, CHECKS WRITTEN, PAYROLL DIRECT DEPOSIT VOUCHERS, AND CREDIT CARD PURCHASES

C. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BIDS AND ALLOW THE TOWN OF EAGAR TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF ROCK, CHIPS, ABC AND OIL FOR THE REBUILDING OF AMITY, DOUBLE TREE AND DOUBLE BAR LANES AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS

Councilor Allen Browning made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-Mayor Steve Erhart seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

ITEM #9: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT AND SALES TAX REPORT

Ms. Brady reported that the town is trending along well with all State Shared Revenues and Local Sales Tax are higher than last year. We were able to send over \$75,000 into our LGIP savings.

Vice-Mayor Steve Erhart made a motion to accept the December 2017 financial and sales tax report. Councilor Winslow McNeill seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

ITEM #10: NEW BUSINESS

A. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FIRE PROTECTION AND SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EAGAR AND THE TOWN OF SPRINGERVILLE

Frank Adams, Fire Chief presented to Council a power point presentation regarding the benefits and obstacles of shared fire services between the Town of Eagar and the Town of Springerville. Mr. Adams reported that the strategy was designed to reduce costs by eliminating repetition of effort while improving the quality of services. After much discussion Mr. Ray asked Council if they would like us to move forward in looking at the feasibility of the venture.

Councilmember John Phelps, Councilmember said to make sure the other party is on board before we spend any additional time on the matter.

Max Sadler, Springerville Fire Chief advised council that he would be presenting the same proposal to his Council the following night.

Mayor Bryce Hamblin recommended we continue to look into the feasibility of sharing services and bring it back to council.

ITEM #11: EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION AS ALLOWED BY A.R.S. § 38-431.03.A3.A4. - DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE TOWN'S ATTORNEY AND – DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION WITH THE ATTORNEYS OF THE PUBLIC BODY

IN ORDER TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION AND INSTRUCT ITS ATTORNEYS
REGARDING THE PUBLIC BODY'S POSITION REGARDING CONTRACTS THAT
ARE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS, IN PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED
LITIGATION OR IN SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO
AVOID OR RESOLVE LITIGATION – NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND
FRONTIER FRANCHISES

Councilor Winslow McNeill made a motion to move into executive session [at 7:35 p.m.].
Councilor Allen Browning seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ANY ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY
FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM 10.A

Vice-Mayor Steve Erhart made a motion to reconvene into regular session [at 7:50 p.m.].
Councilor Winslow McNeill seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Vice-Mayor Steve Erhart made motion to move forward with a franchise agreement with
Navopache Electric Coop. Councilor Debra Seeley seconded; all were in favor, motion
carried unanimously. 6-0

ITEM #12: SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Necessary signatures were obtained for the Minutes of January 2018 and Financial Statements
for December 2017.

ITEM #13: ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Allen Browning made a motion to adjourn the meeting [at 7:52 p.m.] Councilor
Winslow McNeill seconded; all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. 6-0

Attest: _____

Mayor: _____

Vice-Mayor: _____

Council: _____

CERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Eagar, Arizona held on February 6, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Katie Brady, Town Clerk